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Invention: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE AND OPTICAL DISC DEVICE HAVING A DIFFRACTION GRATING (As Amended)

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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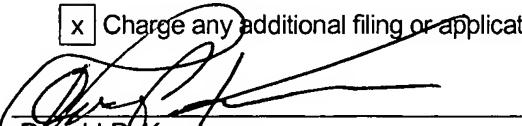
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
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MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued in the Office Action dated August 19, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040817) and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings include a set of four (4) attached replacement sheets and a set of four (4) annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title as set forth below.

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